

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a device and method for obtaining and utilizing data. A handheld device which is capable of optically scanning or receiving RFID signals from an object, storing the data in an internal memory, and then re-transmitting the data is disclosed. The re-transmitted data may trigger access to an internet web site or other database which provides a user with detailed information relating to the scanned object. The device is also usable as a re-configurable electronic key or may be built into electronic devices to allow reconfiguration by scanning a symbol.